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## COL. MENG IS BACK FROM PALMYRA IS.

Colonel William Meng, formerly of Kauai, who has been a modern Crusoe on the Palmyra islands for the past fourteen months, returned to Honolulu on Wednesday of last week. He is in fine condition and if there were a few bright lights on the lonely islands he would be staying there yet, he says.

Colonel Meng, who is a former veteran of the British army, took up the Palmyra proposition when he left Kauai nearly a year and a half ago. He organized the Palmyra Copra Co. and in company with his wife, and Edwin Benner of Honolulu he sailed in a sampan for the lonely islands. His wife returned to Honolulu about three months ago, but the Colonel and companion stayed on.

A few weeks ago the company bought the largest sampan ever built in Honolulu. It was outfitted and sent to the islands to bring back a load of copra and fish. On the way down the boat had considerable trouble. On account of engine trouble it was forced to put in at the Fanning islands. There it was held up for some time because it did not have proper navigation papers. It was finally released, however, and permitted to continue on its way.

When the sampan finally arrived at Palmyra the weather was very rough. It was intended to fill the boat with the copra that Colonel Meng and Benner had made. But the first two days four anchors were broken in trying to hold the boat in place. Rather than take further chances on ruining the boat, the entire crew and the former Crusoes returned to Honolulu.

The return trip was made in nine days. The long trip showed the sailors that the engines did not have enough power for a boat of that size. Sails were used most of the time to speed up the boat.

Colonel Meng is as brown and tanned as a Hawaiian. He is in excellent physical condition and none the worse for his experiences. But he won't say that he intends to return to his Crusoeing right away.

## MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT LIHUE IS ENJOYED BY OVER 800

The municipal Christmas celebration held in the Lihue armory on Monday night was a most creditable culmination of the days of preparation and practice which have occupied the thought of the several committees under the able leadership of Mrs. E. S. Swan.

An orchestra composed of Mrs. Bayless, piano; Miss Doyle, and Mr. Frolic, first violins; Mrs. Waterhouse and Mr. Dollinger, second violins; and Dr. Waterhouse, cello, delighted the audience with their renditions of a number of the familiar Christmas carols.

The seating and standing capacity of the large armory hall were taxed to the utmost by the folks of all nations who came to participate in the program.

The costumes of the characters and the appointments and decorations of the stage evidenced that a great deal of time and thought had been expended in the detailed reproduction of the story of the Christ child.

In reverent attitude and with the realization that they were participants in commemorating the most portentous event in the history of the world, the friendly crowd took their several ways home happy in the knowledge of a closer brotherhood made possible through the birth and life of the Babe of Bethlehem.

## MUSICAL

The wonderful message of God's love, in the birth of His Son, was retold last Sunday morning in the Lihue Union church, in scripture, prayer and music. A light grade sacred cantata had been selected and was rendered at the morning hour, instead of the evening, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

This cantata, "The Cradle of Bethlehem," by Irene Berge, opened with the prophetic message, in the form of a baritone solo which Judge Wm. Achi beautifully proclaimed with his rich and mellow voice. Mrs. K. C. Ahana announced the arrival of the Three Kings of the Orient, and Mrs. Henry T. Sheldon sang, "For the Manger of Bethlehem Cradles a King." A carol was then rendered by the choir. Rev. R. W. Bayless gave the recitative containing the message of the angels to the shepherds. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was then rendered by William Stewart and the nativity story was closed with a chorus, "Break Forth into Joy and Sing." The entire text of the cantata had been secured from the publishers and was freely distributed throughout the audience, thus making it easier to follow the message of the occasion.

## Kapaa Notes

Dr. Cyril Golding, territorial veterinarian, returned on Thursday morning from a short business trip to Honolulu. He reported an exceedingly rough trip up.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wong were the recipients of a Christmas package on Christmas morning in the form of a baby girl at their home. This is their fifth child and the family now consists of three girls and two boys. Both mother and child are doing well.

The Kapaa side of the government road leading to the Waialua bridge is again in bad condition, the storm of last Wednesday evening making two large openings on the side in spite of the heavy rocks placed there to protect it.

Miss Alung Wong played Santa Claus to a large number of her relatives and friends and their children on Friday morning. Rain fell throughout the evening, but this could not dampen the Christmas spirit of the guests and their host.

Kealia landing is again temporarily out of commission due to the heavy seas last week washing out part of the railroad track leading to the landing. All Kealia freight was landed at Ahukini last week by the Helene.

Geo. W. Cunningham, engineer of the Hawaiian Canneries Co., departed on Friday to spend Christmas with his family in Honolulu.

E. A. Ching, Waialua homesteader, while driving his Buick car along the wet Waialua road last Saturday morning, skidded and smashed a part of Henry Aki's fence. The car sustained a broken front wheel and fender. Ching was on his way to Waimea to spend Christmas with his friends.

## LOCAL GOLF LINKS IS BENEFITTED BY RAINS

The storm of the last few days has done wonders for the Waialua golf course in the way of improving the greens. All the greens were planted a short time ago and had been suffering for the want of water, but with the heavy rainfall are now improving at a rapid rate.

The clearing of the fairways is going on at a rapid rate and it will not be long before Kauai will have one of the sportiest and best nine hole courses in the territory.

Within a short time Jimmy Spalding intends to bring Bell, the pro of the Oahu Club, to Kauai to advise him in regard to bunkers and traps. With the natural hazards that the local course offers there will be very little need for anything in the artificial line.

Now is the opportunity for everyone on Kauai who is contemplating taking up golf to do so as most of the players are beginners and one does not feel out of place as where the players are all more experienced. Anyone desiring information about the club may receive the same by calling James Corstorphine at the Makee Sugar Co. office or at 209-L after 5 p. m.

## LIHUE UNION CHURCH

The old year is slowly drawing to a close. The New Year with the vast possibilities it at hand. It will be new only as we make it new. It gives a new starting point if we will accept it. The only qualities necessary to receive are a high resolution, a persistent effort and a holy faith, qualities not impossible for the humblest of us. Let me speak to you in behalf of your higher self. Have you a church in your home and in your life? Have you not wished to establish between yourself and the church a closer relationship? To be more vitally connected with the work which it should do and the teachings for which it stands? Start the New Year right next Sunday morning by attending the Lihue Union church where we shall consider together "The Challenge of the New Year."

R. W. Bayless, Minister.

Girl Reserves at Mana and Ekele are planning a good program for the New Year and expect to have many good times at their meetings.

A budget is a good darn for the holes in your pocket. Patch up during Thrift Week.

## KAUAI WILL OBSERVE THRIFT WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 17

The board of directors of the local Y. M. C. A. at its recent meeting considered and endorsed the plans for National Thrift Week beginning January 17, Benjamin Franklin's birthday. This means that the local association will participate in the nation-wide observance of this event. Mr. Neil Locke, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and director of the Thrift Week program, stated: "National Thrift Week is an activity of the Y. M. C. A. economic program which has for its purpose to help the young men and boys to think straight about their money matters. It has been adopted as a definite part of the association's work along with the physical, educational, social and religious activities and is called the fifth part of the Association's Five-Fold Program."

This new line of endeavor is based upon a financial creed which is known as the Ten Commandments of a person's financial life. The creed will be recommended to the people of Kauai during Thrift Week. A special phase of thrift will be taught on each day of Thrift Week. In this way the entire week's program will give the people reached a liberal education on practical economy. The days of the week have been named as follows:

National Thrift Day or Bank Day Tuesday, January 17

To emphasize the service of bank renders a community.

Share With Others Day, Wednesday, January 18

To emphasize the service a bank by to character and the duty of sharing a part of one's income with others.

National Life Insurance Week, Thursday, January 19

To emphasize the value of protecting loved ones with life insurance.

Own Your Own Home Day, Friday, January 20

To emphasize the desirability of owning one's own home.

Make a Will Day, Saturday, January 21

To emphasize the importance of making a will.

Thrift in Industry Day, Sunday January 22

To emphasize the fact that the interests of employer and employee are identical.

Family Budget Day, Monday, January 23

To emphasize the advantage of keeping personal and family finances by the budget plan.

Pay Your Bills Promptly Day, Tuesday, January 24

To emphasize the moral obligation to pay your bills promptly.

A local Thrift Week committee is organized and is to be composed of the following men and women interested in the economic and civic welfare of the community: H. D. Sloggett, Th. Brandt, A. Menefoglio, J. Midkiff, Miss Bernice Hundley, Miss Elsie Wilcox, F. Jennings, K. C. Hopper, Dr. A. H. Waterhouse, F. Horner, C. A. Baggott. This committee will get together right after the holidays and plan their campaign.

## FALSE REPORT CAUSES EXCITEMENT AT LIHUE

A report came to the Lihue store last Friday forenoon that one of the store trucks had run over the bank at the Waialua washout, and the truck and driver had been carried out to sea. Manager Jennings rushed to the scene of the reported catastrophe and found the truck bogged down in a chuck hole. The machine was pulled out of its predicament by another truck.

## H. H. JONES TO LEAVE KAUAI

H. H. Jones, for the past year and a half resident agent for the Standard Oil Co., has been transferred to Maui and will leave for that station the first of the year. During his residence on Kauai Mr. Jones has made a great many friends who will sincerely regret his departure. He will be succeeded by F. A. Hawkins, who comes from Maui.

The ten points of the money decalogue are as follows:

- 1—Make a budget—to ascertain how you should dispose of your income.
- 2—Keep a record of expenditures—to see how close you come to your estimates.
- 3—Have a bank account—to keep in a safe place and help you save.
- 4—Carry life insurance—to protect your loved ones in case of your death.
- 5—Make a will—to insure your resources going quickly to those you desire.
- 6—Own your own home—to secure the greatest satisfaction in your home life.
- 7—Pay your bills promptly—to meet the moral obligation you have to your creditors.
- 8—Invest in government securities—to help your country and to make a wise investment of your savings.
- 9—Spend less than you earn—to assure your being on the road to success.
- 10—Share with others—to fulfill your religious duty of stewardship.

National Thrift Week has the endorsement of many national bodies. The American Bankers Association, for instance, adopted a resolution unanimously at its convention in St. Louis, Mo., in October as follows:

Resolved: That the American Bankers' Association in convention assembled at St. Louis, October 1, 1919, learns with interest and heartily endorses the campaign of economic education to be known as National Thrift Week, beginning January 17, 1920, in which it is intended to bring home to the individual citizens of the United States and Canada the importance of continued thrift and economy, the value of life insurance, of a bank account, of making a will and appointing a trustee, of owning one's home, and the paying of bills promptly.

Other national organizations that have endorsed Thrift Week include: National Federation of Construction Industries.

United States League of Building and Loan associations.

National Association of Life Insurance Underwriters.

Canadian Life Underwriters Association.

American Life Convention.

National Credit Men's Association (wholesale).

Retail Credit Men's National Association.

Retailers Commercial Union.

One of the important activities in the local observance of National Thrift Week will be the organizing of savings clubs in connection with local business houses and plantations, through which will be taught economic truths of practical importance at this time of so much unrest in our country. Other activities would include giving practical talks in industrial plants and schools, dis-

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## NANI ALII CLUB NOTES

The Nani Alii Club which was started a year ago by Miss Soule of the Y. W. C. A. with but fifteen charter members, has greatly increased in number.

Miss Hansen, who is taking Miss Soule's place, is extending the work of the club.

Several speakers have kindly come to speak to the members.

Lessons in First Aid have been given. Physical exercise is mostly enjoyed by the members.

During the service period of the club the members have spent several evenings in making equipment for the kindergarten class of the Waimea school.

A picnic was enjoyed at Makawell beach in the month of November.

A new program is being prepared for the ensuing year.

## Personals

Mrs. W. C. Achi Jr., of Lihue, returned Friday morning from a visit to Honolulu.

Joseph Cullen, clerk of the Fifth Circuit Court, returned Friday morning from a short visit to Honolulu.

Dr. Cyril Golding, deputy territorial veterinarian, returned from a brief visit to Honolulu, Friday morning.

Miss Elsie Yost, formerly of Kahaloehoe school, but now teaching school in Honolulu, is spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Balestar of McBryde.

Herman Rohrig, former manager of Lihue Store, accompanied by Mrs. Rohrig, and daughter Leilani, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Dora Isenberg. They arrived from Honolulu Friday morning.

## CHRISTMAS AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Christmas is the time when the children of the land rejoice and realize that it is their time of the year for joy. The Sunday schools of Kauai were active this year and many little hearts were made happy.

Christmas Eve the new community hall at Hanalei was the scene of a Christmas tree, entertainment and gifts for all. The following day a large hoika drew all the Sunday school scholars from Wainiha, Hanalei and Kilauea, when each school contributed a definite portion in the nativity story.

Saturday afternoon two hundred boys and girls, of all nationalities filled the Kapaa church hall where a splendid program, under the direction of Rev. Wakai, was given. At the conclusion presents were given to all.

The Hawaiian school in Lihue, had a Christmas entertainment, Dec. 17th, in the armory when the story of the "Other Wise Men" was given. The school of the Lihue Union church held its tree and party in the afternoon of the 23rd. They made it a giving time, for each child brought a small present, to be passed on to some needy little folk. The Japanese school held its special exercises and treats Sunday morning.

Saturday night the storm raged but the children and men in the Filipino camp, Lihue plantation, filled the little hall to the ceiling and ate up the program and refreshments.

Koloa held their tree and entertainment Thursday night when more than two hundred little hearts were made happy by the story of the Christ and the gifts of the occasion. Lawai and Hanapepe held their special exercises Sunday, and since these are new schools, many of the little fellows experienced the thrill of Christmas which they never had enjoyed before.

The Waimea Chinese school last Thursday night with tableaux and song, the Hawaiian Saturday night with a tree and gifts and the Japanese Sunday night with a packed house and a splendid program, all far in teaching the wonderful truth and fact of the birth of the world's king. More than 2,000 people on Kauai attended the programs provided by the schools of the island during the holidays.

## HANAMAULU NOTES

The tennis court at Hanamaulu has been very much enjoyed by the teachers. Much credit is due Mr. Nobriga for the work he has done it.

C. S. Christian, head man of the place, is enjoying a vacation of a week at Kokee.

Miss Duncan, Mrs. Shelenberger and Mrs. Bridgewater are enjoying their vacation at the cottage.

Mrs. C. S. Christian and son, Stanley, left for town on Tuesday, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. Thomas.

A very pretty Christmas tree was enjoyed by the children on Friday. Both small and large children had a generous share of candy and nuts.

Most people plan how they will use their time but too few plan to use money wisely. A Thrift Week budget is a money plan.

## EVERYTHING READY FOR BIG RACE MEET

Everything is in readiness for the big New Year's race meet and although it appeared for a while that the track would be in better condition for a regatta than for a horse race, but with the clearing of the weather, indications are that the track will be in good condition.

Interest centers around the mile and a quarter open, which will bring the old rivals, Bridgeplayer and Dinner Bell together. These two horses on a racing program are getting about as inseparable as the famous combinations, such as Damon and Pythias, ham and eggs hook and eye, etc. On New Year's they will have an added companion in Walter Sanborn's Terment. The Hanalei horse put on a great battle against Bridgeplayer in the three-quarter and plenty of racing fans claim that if the race had been an eighth longer Terment would have won, as he was passing the Fernandez mare hard at the finish. The race will be long enough for Terment to prove if he is the master of Bridgeplayer and he will have the advantage of good consistent training this year, something that was lacking at his last appearance.

Terment will also have another opportunity to lower the colors of the Fernandez stable when he meets Bridgeplayer and Gold Bryan in the mile. If he can beat Bridgeplayer in both of these races there is no doubt that he is one of the best horses in the territory.

The racing fans that are fond of the dashes, will have a treat in the three-eighths, which will bring together such horses as Pegasus, Gold Bryan, Sky Boy and Golden Spray. There is very little to choose among these horses, but Gold Bryan is the favorite owing to the victory over Pegasus on Armistice Day.

The Japanese and Portuguese races are expected to create more excitement and fun than the better horses. Every Japanese who has a horse who has done the half in anything better than one minute and twenty seconds has entered him in the race. It would not be surprising if the race had to be run in heats.

The cowboy relay will bring the old rivals of Makee, Waipouli, Hanamaulu and Lihue together. There will also be a race for cowboy horses. The following is the program:

Admission 50 cents. Automobiles 50 cents. First race: 3-8 mile Hawaiian bred. First \$40; second \$10; entry \$5.

Sky Boy—Tashima Pegasus—Amarin Gold Bryan—Fernandez Golden Spray—Rikemaru

Second race: 1 1-4 mile. First \$150; second \$50; entry \$15.

Bridgeplayer—Fernandez Dinner Bell—Sakamoto

Third race: 1-2 mile Japanese owners and riders. First \$30; second \$10; third \$5.

Charlie I—Ishikawa Maui Girl—Masuda Wai Tai—Nekonishi Waipouli Girl—Arakaki Lady—Arakaki

Fourth race: 1-4 mile Hawaiian bred. First \$40; second \$10.

Sky Boy—Tashima Pegasus—Amarin Silver Dust—Fernandez Fancy—Spalding

Fifth race: 1-2 mile Portuguese owners and riders. First \$30; second \$10; third \$5.

Blue Bird—M. Rapoza Carrie—John Rapoza Fly—Reis.

Sixth race: 3-8 mile for horses never having won race. (Urabi barred). First \$20; second \$10; third \$5.

Wai Tai—Nekonishi Mary J.—Higa Maui Girl—Masuda Waipouli Girl—Arakaki

Seventh race: 1 mile free for all. First \$100; second \$20.

Bridgeplayer—Fernandez Gold Bryan—Fernandez Terment—Sanborn

Eighth race: 3-4 mile. (Bridgeplayer, Gold Bryan, Terment, Dinner Bell, Golden Spray and Sky Boy barred). First \$50; second \$25.

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